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SUBJECT: REMARKS BY TASS OFFICIAL ON ME ISSUES

1. DURING JANUARY 4 MEETING WITH USINTOFF, DEPUTY TASS DIRECTOR YEDRASHNIKOV EVIDENCED UNUSUAL INTEREST IN US VIEW OF PROGRESS OF GENEVA TALKS, PARTICULARLY IN HOW SECOND-PHASE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN SINAI FOLLOWING FIRST-PHASE DISENGAGEMENT WOULD BE ACHIEVED. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION, YEDRASHNIKOV CONTINUED TO RETURN TO THIS QUESTION, EXPRESSING "CONCERN" THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM WEST BANK OF CANAL WOULD REMOVE TRUMP CARD FROM EGYPTIANS, LEAVING THEM WITH LITTLE MEANS OF MAINTAINING PRESSURE ON ISRAEL FOR FURTHER WITHDRAWAL. WHAT, HE CONTINUED TO ASK, WERE US PLANS FOR ACHIEVING SECOND-PHASE IDF PULLBACK? (USINTOFF DECLINED TO ANSWER ON BASIS OF LACK OF INFORMATION.)

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2. ON OTHER SUBJECTS, YEDRASHNIKOV CONFIRMED THAT

EGYPTIAN FONMIN FAHMY WOULD VISIT MOSCOW TOWARD MIDDLE OR END OF NEXT WEEK. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW FULL PURPOSE OF FAHMY'S VISIT, BUT ADDED THAT HE BELIEVED FAHMY WOULD, INTER ALIA, MAKE A SPECIAL PLEA FOR FURTHER SOVIET TECHNICAL AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE WHILE IN THE USSR.

3. YEDRASHNIKOV HEDGED WHEN ASKED ABOUT DATE OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR POLIAKOV'S ARRIVAL IN CAIRO. HE SAID THAT POLIAKOV'S APPOINTMENT "HAD NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED," AND THAT IT NOW APPEARED EGYPTIANS WERE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT DESIGNATION OF RELATIVELY JUNIOR AMBASSADOR TO ASSUME CHARGE OF IMPORTANT POST. INSTEAD, THEY SEEMED TO WANT SOVIET AMBASSADOR OF SAME LEVEL AS DOBRYNIN. SMITH

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